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[redacted] Called Gary Clary, Administrative Assistant to Senator Strom Thurmond (R., S.C.), regarding the Senator's bill, S. 1395, to insulate armed forces medical personnel from malpractice suits. About a month ago I had asked Clary to see if the Senator might be willing to add CIA physicians to this bill, but had received no response from Clary. He said he had mentioned it to Senator Thurmond but had not received a final response and would ask him again. I told Clary I would ask Mr. Cary to call the Senator to promote such a move.

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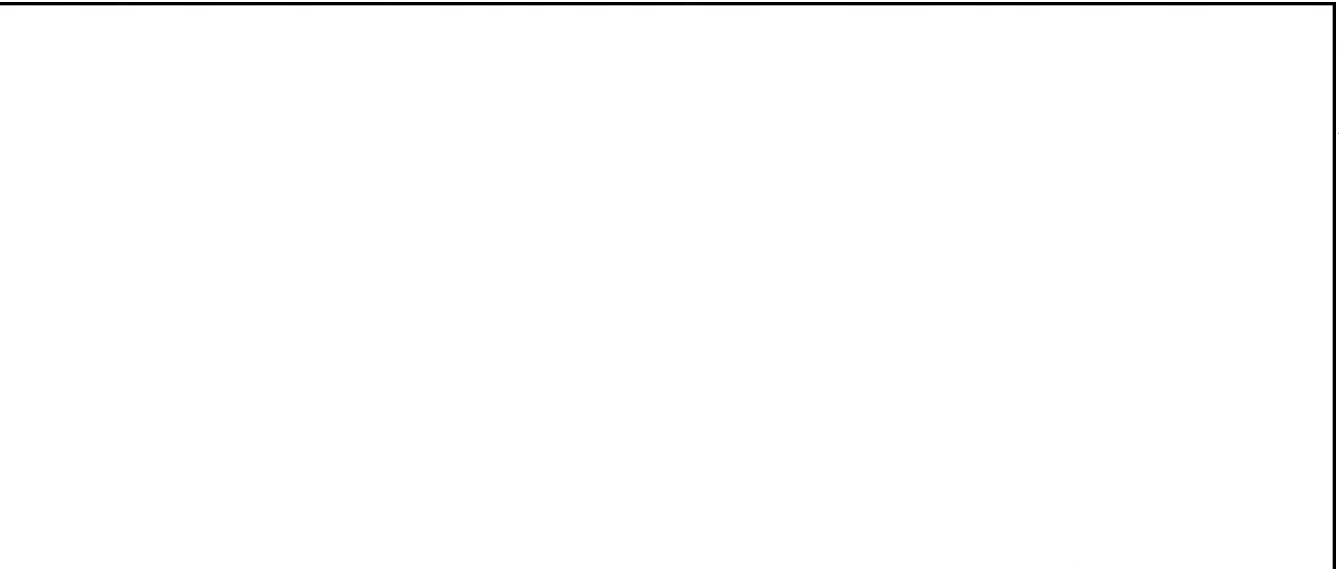
[redacted] First thing this morning, I received a call from Chairman Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.) expressing further concern over the articles reporting on Searle Field's, of House Select Committee staff, memorandum of what he saw in Agency files about CIA "infiltration" at the White House. He said he would like to review the material seen by Field and Jack Boos, House Select Committee staff, at Headquarters when they visited here. I told him I would be happy to bring the material to him and have Walter Elder, of the Review Staff, go up to talk to him about it this morning if he wished. Elder and I subsequently met with the Chairman at 10:00 a.m. in his office. He reviewed the material and could find no logical basis for the conclusions stated in Field's memorandum. He then asked if it would be possible for us to release the text of the page of the summary of the 13 August 1973 document that contained references to the detailed Agency personnel to the White House staff. Elder and I agreed to look into this, but expressed some concern about including names of individuals especially in reference to [redacted]

We talked to Mr. Nedzi about seeing Representative Robert W. Kasten (R., Wis.) on this since Kasten had made a number of public statements based on Field's memorandum and staff briefings on this subject. Mr. Nedzi suggested that we leave this in his hands for the moment and we gladly acceded. He also commented that he planned to talk to Searle Field on the subject. A short time later, Nedzi contacted me and asked to look at the material again because of references Field made to statements in the documents pertaining to BNDD. In view of another commitment that I had, I left this matter in Mr. Elder's hands.

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10. [redacted] In the absence of John Marsh, Counsel to the President, I talked to his Assistant, Russell Rourke, and filled him in on our conversations with Representative Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.) regarding press allegations about information assimilated by Searle Field, of the House Select Committee staff, alleging Agency "infiltration" of the White House staff. I told Rourke that Mr. James Wilderotter, White House staff, had been in touch with Mr. John S. Warner, OGC, on this subject this morning and Warner had LDX'd to Wilderotter a page from the summary of the 13 August 1973 document which apparently was a basis for erroneous statements by Field in his memorandum. I told Rourke that we were working on the sanitization of this page for Nedzi and would be in touch with him later as the situation developed.

I also told Rourke that before entering the hearing with the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee this morning, Mr. Colby had flatly denied the allegations of Agency "infiltration" of the White House. We agreed to keep in touch on this subject.



13. [redacted] Took a call from Mike West, on the staff of the House Armed Services Committee. West inquired whether Agency materials are routinely sent to the National Archives as are the older documents of other Government agencies. I replied that the Agency had its own storage facilities and that documents were reviewed after a ten-year period and some were routinely destroyed. I told West that certain materials do find their way to the National Archives, such as the CIA materials used by the Warren Commission, but that this is the exception and not the rule.

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